
Title: Terminology of Infernalism - Vol I

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A thick, black leather
bound tome with solid
silver clasps.

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Absolute, the :

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The eternal  
consciousness of the  
Void; the living  
darkness from which  
all things come.  
Known by many  
names and hidden to  
all but the most  
insightful  
Infernalists, the  
Absolute is greater  
than the gods and  
devils of the earth put  
together, and is, in  
fact, the source of  
them all.

Adversary :

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Literally, "one who
turns against". Often
used to describe Satan,
it also defines "the
Satan within", the
impulse to oppose
virtue and civility. By
attuning himself with
the inner adversary,
an Infernalist sets
himself against
goodness and nurtures
his darker urges.

Aesfotedia :

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Infernally tainted  
Tass; demon-essence.  
Often said to be

distilled in Hell, but  
just as often refined  
by exquisite hatred or  
suffering.

Ahriman :

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In Zoroastrianism,
the Adversary; long
ago, some Nephandi
called themselves
Ahrimanites. Later,
the term came into use
as the name for a
Nephandic cabal (an
Ahriman), so called
because all of the
member's were
considered part of the
Adversary's body

Ahrimanites :

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Followers of the  
Adversary, ancient  
Nephandi.

Assumption :

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The final step of the
Path of Screams, in
which the infernalist
becomes one with the
Darkness and leaves
humanity behind.

Asward :

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An anti-saint. Among  
the Nephandi, a subtle  
master of the Dark  
Arts and the truths  
behind them.

Barabbi :

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A Nephandic turncoat
who renounces some
other fellowship and
joins the Fallen
willingly.

Black Magick :

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Spells or rituals cast  
out of malice and  
intended to cause  
harm. See maleficia.

Caul :

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The "Gate of Dark
Rebirth" in which a
Nephandus has her
soul turned
inside-out. Also a bit
of placenta that
sometimes covers the
face of newborn
babies who are said to
possess uncanny
powers.

Decandendi :

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Rake-hells and  
libertines who indulge  
in blasphemy,  
demonism, and  
sensuality for kicks.

Deep Lords of  
Misrule :

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Legendary
"ghost-oracles" of
darkness and chaos.
Sentient fragments of
the Primal Void, said
to occupy a null-space
beyond the heavens
and the gods.
Sometimes regarded as
the breaths of the
Absolute, its
attendants, or both.

Demon :

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Generic term for an  
intelligent, malicious  
spirit. Although often  
associated with  
anti-Christian  
Infernalism, demons  
can be found all over  
the world, in a  
multitude of forms.  
Early germ theory  
even attributes the  
cause illness to these  
malicious spirits,  
naming them  
"demonets".

Divine Chain of Being :

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In Christian theology,
the order of things.
As ordained by God,
all things in Heaven,
Earth, and Hell are
ranked in hierarchies
that define their place
in the Divine scheme.
Supposedly, this
system keeps disorder
in check; thus,
Infernalists love to
break the chain

Dregvat :

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A low-ranking  
Nephandus. Also  
known as a pawn.

Fallen :

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A proper descriptor
for one who has
chosen the Path of
Screams over the
roads to virtue or
Enlightment. Based on
the rebel angels, who,
with Lucifer,
rejected Heaven in
favor of a Hell of
their own design.
Despite its Christian
origin, the term fits
Infernalists of all
kinds and cultures.

Foedus Infernus :

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The pact of demonic  
service and servitude.  
Plural, Foderis.

Gallu :

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"Demons". Sometimes
used as a name for
ancient Infernalists.
Also a title among the
Nephandi.

Gilledian :

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One of a small but  
influential group of  
Nephandi who seek to  
unite the Fallen. Also

known as a Div.

Gnostic :

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A heretic (or heretical
idea) that claims the
Biblical God is really
the Demiurge (Satan),
and that the only true
salvation comes
through pure
knowledge and
defiance of the
Demiurge's laws and
Church.

God of the Book :

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The One God revered  
by Jews, Christians,  
and Muslims; called  
Lord of Israel, Allah,  
Jehovah, Yahweh, God  
the Father, and so  
forth.

Grimoire :

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A text of magick,
usually of the blacker
variety.

Host, The :

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Wafer and wine of the  
Catholic Holy  
Communion; thought to  
become the body and  
blood of Jesus, the  
Host is often  
desecrated by those  
who wish to defile  
Jesus and his Church.

Investment/

Investiture :

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Inhuman power
granted to an
Infernalist in return
for some service or
Pact. Also the process
of receiving such
powers.

Jacquerie :

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The "Jacks", a  
fiendish sect of  
French mercenaries.  
Supposedly hunted to  
extinction in the  
1300's, they went  
underground and  
founded several  
Infernal cults in  
France.

Khristos :

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"The Anointed One",
that is, Jesus of
Nazareth. Greek root
of "Christ".